



Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

"SERVING ARIZONA'S VETERANS AS THEY HAVE SERVED US"

To ensure that Arizona's veteran community is kept up-to-date on what is happening with the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS), we offer this bi-monthly update sent out to our veteran contacts throughout the State of Arizona. Please visit online: www.azdvs.gov/, www.facebook.com/azdvs/

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ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME-PHOENIX (ASVH-Phoenix)

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- Contents submitted by the Kayla Uptain

July/August in Review

- ◆ On Wednesday, August 9th, ASVH-Phoenix was filled with smiles, food and memories! The Cooties Pup Tent 11 hosted the Cootie's Carnival, which included a morning and afternoon program. The morning consisted of the veterans getting to dunk staff of ASVH-Phoenix, as well as Cootie members in the dunk tank, playing with water guns, and enjoying refreshing snow cones. After a quick afternoon break, veterans gathered for an afternoon of fun, games and prizes. Veterans played cornhole, mini golf, ladder ball, shuffleboard, and the popular, Nerf Gun target practice. When not immersed in the competition of the games, snacks of mini corn dogs, popcorn, cheese tots and cotton candy were enjoyed by all. ASVH-Phoenix and its veterans would like to thank the Cootie's for their continued support and fabulous day of fun! We look forward to next year's carnival





ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME-TUCSON (ASVH-TUC)

- Contents submitted by Sam Nanez and Norma Johnson

July/August in Review

◆ Below: Andedito Chavez enjoyed being surrounded by Fort Huachuca's 2-13th Aviation Regiment. They enjoyed his World War II stories and his story about being a POW in Stalag 17.

◆ Below: The 2-13th also visited with Mr. Cooper, who was celebrating his 101st Birthday. Mr. Cooper enjoyed their support and kindness.





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- ◆ Right: ASVH-Tucson wants to thank Peg Brady and Robson Ranch 50 for donating a Sylvania 20" high-definition TV! The recreation department will be using it for Wii games!



- ◆ Left: Students from Flowing Wells High School stopped by to perform for the ASVH-Tucson. Our residents relaxed and enjoyed some classical music..

- ◆ Right: During the Art and Movement Program, our residents are able to tap into their creative side. After painting, they participated in a movement exercise using music.





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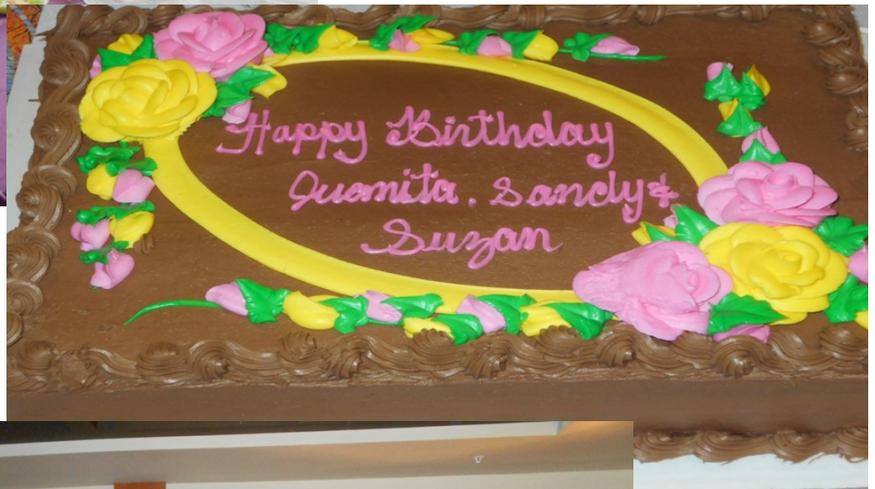
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- ◆ For some of our female residents, a joint birthday party has become an annual event! The three ladies share a birthday a few days apart from each other in July. They enjoyed getting together and sharing their birthday celebration with their friends and family.



Left: The birthday girls having a great time at their party with recreation therapist, Delene Sabol.



- ◆ Right: In remembrance of The Battle of The Bulge, veterans from the community put together a flag made with 1940's Wheat Lincoln pennies, which included steel pennies for stars and copper pennies for stripes.





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◆ As part of our 4th of July Celebration, Kids Unlimited provided music and dancing to our residents!



◆ Below: Our monthly beer and pizza party was a success! Elk's Organization #2065 donated the pizza. Everyone enjoyed a variety of pizza, beer and other beverages.





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- ◆ Tucson Police Department and airmen from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base are having continued success visiting veterans at ASVH-Tucson. They provide one-on-one interaction for our veterans and enjoy hearing their stories.



- ◆ Mr. Owen, who is a resident in our Memory Care Unit, and his wife Mrs. Owen brought her church choir from Benson, AZ to give an acapella concert for our residents. It was a very welcomed performance.





◆ **September and October Outings**

September: Walmart – Sept. 27th, Family Dollar – Sept. 19th and 26th, Desert Diamond Casino – Sept. 19th and 26th, Vicente De Paul Thrift Store – Sept. 20th

October: Walmart – Oct. 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, Family Dollar – Oct. 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, Desert Diamond Casino – Oct. 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, Cinemark Movie Theatre – Oct. 6th

◆ **September Events:**

Sept. 15th, 2:00 p.m. - Mariachi Allegra in celebration of Mexican Independence

Sept. 17th, 2:30 p.m. - Over the Hill Vets will perform country/bluegrass music in the community room

Sept. 19th, 5:30 p.m. - Beer and Pizza Party in the Sports Lounge

Sept. 23rd, 10:30 a.m. - Arizona Veterans Bike Show at the Fountains Courtyard, Music provided by DJ Tommy Tutone

Sept. 29th, 10:00 a.m. - Miniature Horse visit

Sept. 29th, 1:30 p.m. - Annual Dog Show in the community room

Sept. 29th, 2:30 p.m. - Sunset Sound Trio will perform music in the community room

◆ **October Events:**

Oct. 20th, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Annual Fall Carnival

Oct. 22nd, 2:30 p.m. - Contemporary Guitar music performance with Ivan Denis

Oct. 31st - Halloween Party



◆ **Donations recently received by ASVH-Tucson**

1. July 6th - Green Valley Elks #2592 donated \$100 worth of books, toiletries and games
2. July 11th - Robinson Ranch and Peg Brady donated a Sylvania 20" high-definition TV
3. July 12th - Elks Lodge #385 donated \$35 worth of books to our library
4. July 19th - Alfred B.C. Hubert donated World War II uniforms and mannequins
5. August 11th - Elks #2065 donated \$130 worth of pizza
6. August 19th - Lee Family Empire Market donated flowers in memory of Tun Lim Lee
7. August 24th - Cornelia A. S. Ross donated eight VHS tapes valued at \$25.00



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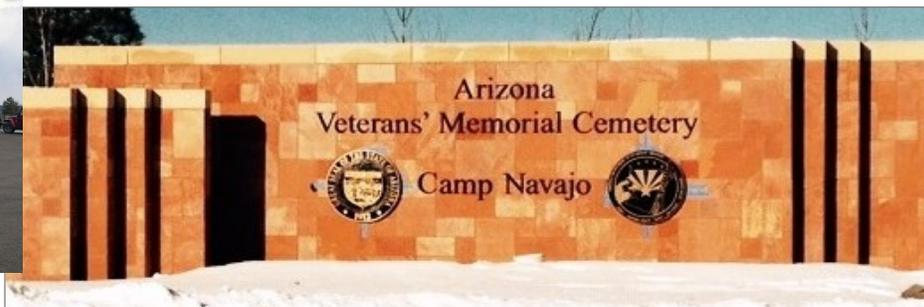
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ARIZONA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERIES (AVMC)

We are delighted to be able to provide three beautiful final resting places for our veterans and loved ones.

AVMC Camp Navajo	Web	Facebook
AVMC Marana	Web	Facebook
AVMC Sierra Vista	Web	Facebook





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◆ AVMC Marana

Check out this project from Eagle Scout Troop 223! Cole Esplin was working on his project badge. Esplin and his team came out to AVMC Marana to make a paved path for our Honor Guard teams.





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- ◆ AVMC Marana administrator, Bonnie Dudelston has been busy with outreach! She's made presentations near Marana about our state veterans' cemeteries, committal services, the pre-scheduling process and more! Each of us, even if not a veteran, has a family member or knows someone that is a veteran. Dudelston says sharing this information shows the community of some of the many benefits or entitlements available to them.



- ◆ December 16th is National Wreaths Across America Day. The mission is to remember, honor and teach by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at over 1200 locations.

We will place wreaths on veteran gravestones at AVMC Marana at 10:00 a.m. The goal is to make sure every gravesite receives a wreath. Donate to help us purchase enough wreaths to cover our 900 graves. Each wreath is \$15. You can donate directly to Wreaths Across America or through a local fundraising group. The deadline to purchase a wreath is November 27th.

Our location ID is AZAZVM

To donate through a local group, see the group IDs below:

[VFW Post 5990 - AZ0009P](#)

[Remember and Honor Our Fallen Heroes - AZ0072](#)

* If you donate through VFW Post 5990, when two wreaths are purchased, we get a third wreath for free!

[Donate and volunteer here!](#)





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- ◆ AVMC Marana and the Southern Arizona Missing in America Project request your presence for a veteran interment service. 35 homeless, forgotten and indigent veterans will be interred with full military honors.

Date: October 28, 2017

Itinerary:

Tucson muster time: 8:00 a.m.

Adair Funeral Home Avalon Chapel,
8090 N. Northern Ave. Tucson, AZ.

Cremaains transfer: 8:30 a.m.

Departure time: No later than 9:00 a.m.

Interment location: AVMC Marana
15950 N. Lockett Rd. Marana AZ. 85653

Cremaains arrive at AVMC Marana: 10:25 a.m.

NOTE: It is suggested you arrive at the cemetery by 9:30 a.m.

Honors service begins at 11:00 a.m.



Contact Information:

Southern Arizona State Coordinator:

Ed Torres 520-358-8406

Pinal County Military Remains Officer:

Bob Day 520-784-9235

Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Liaison

Shaun Pfund - 520-820-3531



◆ SAVMC Sierra Vista

Life Scout Caleb Mueller from Troop 4001, completed his Eagle Scout project with the help of U.S. Army soldiers who are attending the ANOC class at Ft. Huachuca. Caleb's Eagle Scout project is to design and construct a French drain "dry well" to better handle the rain run off erosions near the Carillon Bell tower. Nice work Caleb!!





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- ◆ Nearly 500 people came out to honor the life and service of Pfc. Jimmie Smith. Smith, 60, was homeless and had no living family members, so members of the community attended the service as his family. The Patriot Guard Riders escorted the Army veteran to the chapel. Friends of Smith say he was as a simple, loving man.





- ◆ Tarantulas are venomous like most spiders, but they are very docile and only bite when under extreme provocation. They are most active during the monsoon and into early fall. Tarantulas are commonly found inside SAVMC this time of year.

- ◆ Upcoming events:

On Veterans Day, November 11th at 8:00 a.m., SAVMC staff and volunteers will be placing U.S. flags on all of the gravesites.

On December 16th at 10:00 a.m. the 107th Civil Air Patrol squadron will conducting the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony and wreath placement on all of the veterans gravesites.

- Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,200 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.

SAVMC is looking for ceremony volunteers and donations to ensure every gravesite receives a wreath this year. Each wreath is \$15.



The cutoff date to donate to ensure delivery of the wreaths is November 27, 2017.

To donate a wreath for a veteran's gravesite [click here!](#)

Group ID: AZ0090P
Location ID: AZSAVS

You can also donate through a local veterans service organization.



◆ Agency Updates



- The VA's Center for Women Veterans and the National Association of State Women Veterans Coordinators (NASWVC), including ADVS Director, retired Col. Wanda Wright, are now partners in serving women veterans.

[Read more here](#)

- Below: Col. Wright and Gary Ochoa, ADVS Southern Region Manager, toured the new ranch, Boulder Crest Retreat for Military & Veteran Wellness in Sonoita. Boulder Crest is committed to improving the physical, emotional, spiritual, and economic wellbeing of our nation's military, veterans, first responders, and their family members. Learn more about what they do [here](#).





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- We had a great turnout for the Arizona Military/Veteran Women's Expo in Kingman! About 60 women veterans enjoyed food, a guest panel, health and well-being information, plus a session on federal and state veterans' benefits. There were also exhibitors on hand to talk about employment, health, and more!





- Left: Stephanie Michael and Monica De la Rosa representing ADVS and collaborating with the Arizona Coalition for Military Families at the Arizona SHRM State Conference



- Above: Magdalena Sanchez, Tucson Veteran Benefits Counselor, receiving her ADVS five year award from Col. Wright



- Above: Fabby Ranig, ASVH-Tucson LPN, receiving her award from Col. Wright for being a state employee for five years



- ADVS and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States teamed up with the Dream Foundation to deliver a dream to Vietnam veteran, Roger Duel. Mr. Duel served in the Marine Corps from 1967 to 1971. His dream was to travel to Louisiana to meet up with some of his Vietnam buddies at a memorial service for another war buddy. The Dream Foundation paid for Mr. Duel's airline tickets and expenses for the trip. Col. Wright and Gene Wood, VFW Sr. Vice Commander, delivered the dream box to Mr. Duel and brought a few more gifts along. Col. Wright also presented Mr. Duel with a lapel pin for the 50th commemoration of the Vietnam War.

Learn more about [Dreams for Veterans](#).





- [STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT ADDRESS](#): ADVS Director Col. Wanda Wright is interviewed by ADVS PIO Nicole Baker, to provide an update on the department with a glimpse of what's to come.



- In alignment with Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2017-02, ADVS is seeking input from our regulated and stakeholder communities regarding our Administrative Rules. We would appreciate it if you would take a moment to let us know of any Administrative Rules from Title 4 of the Arizona Administrative Code that you believe may be overly burdensome and not necessary to protect consumers, public health, or public safety. Review the rules and send your comments [here](#).

<i>Arizona Administrative Code</i>		Title 4, Ch. 40
Department of Veterans' Services – Arizona State Veteran Home		
TITLE 4. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS		
CHAPTER 40. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES		
ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME		
Authority: A.R.S. § 41-601 et seq.		
ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS		
Section R4-40-101.	Definitions	C. "ALTCS" means the Arizona Long-term Care System established at A.R.S. § 36-2931 et seq. D. "Applicant" means a veteran, spouse, or surviving spouse who submits a written application for admission to the ASVH. E. "ASVH" means the Arizona State Veteran Home. F. "Director" means the Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services. G. "Director of nursing" means a registered nurse licensed to practice in Arizona who is responsible for the management and supervision of ASVH nursing services. H. "Legal representative" means an individual or entity designated by an applicant, a resident, or a court of competent jurisdiction to make legal, financial, and medical decisions on behalf of the applicant or resident. I. "Medicare" means the program for the aged and disabled under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act. J. "Nursing services" means services defined in A.R.S. § 36-401(A)(3-4) and described by A.A.C. R9-10-906. K. "Physician" means a person licensed under A.R.S. § Title 32, Chapter 13, or Chapter 17, or appointed under authority of 38 U.S.C. 7402.
ARTICLE 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS		
Section R4-40-201.	General Provisions	
ARTICLE 3. APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCESS		
Section R4-40-301. R4-40-302. R4-40-303. R4-40-304. R4-40-305. R4-40-306.	Application Application Process Repealed Admission Process Repealed Repealed	
ARTICLE 4. REPEALED		
Section R4-40-401. R4-40-402.	Repealed Repealed	



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NO MORE WAITING IN LINE, ARIZONA VETERAN & FREEDOM LICENSE PLATES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT SERVICEARIZONA.COM!



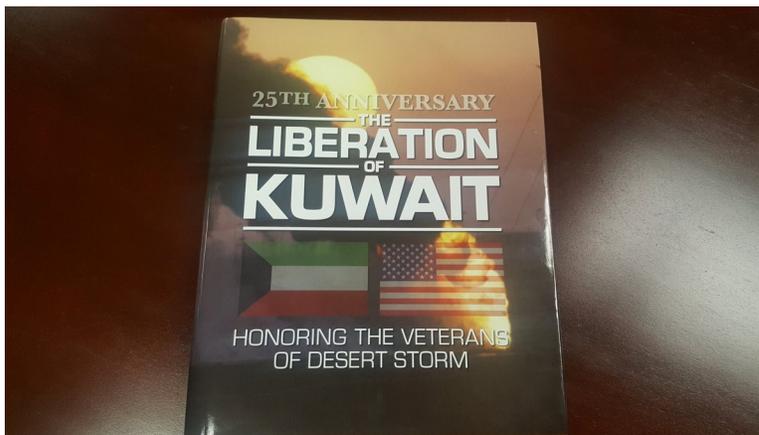
***AVAILABLE TO ARIZONA VETERANS FOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES**



*** FREEDOM AND WOMEN VETERANS PLATES ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL ARIZONA RESIDENTS. FREEDOM PLATES ARE SIZED FOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES.**

\$17 OF THE \$25 SPECIAL PLATE FEE GOES TO THE ARIZONA VETERANS DONATION FUND, WHICH HELPS ARIZONA'S VETERAN COMMUNITY WITH HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION, VETERAN MEMORIAL CEMETERIES, STATE VETERAN'S HOMES AND MORE!

[Click here to get your license plates!](#)



- It's time for a giveaway! We have copies of "The Liberation of Kuwait." The book is dedicated to the veterans of Desert Storm. Want a copy? Just come to the ADVS office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We're at 3839 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ.



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How can you be connected?

- September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. **Be Connected** to help a veteran or service member who may be at risk.



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[Get connected here](#)

or call

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#beconnected



ARIZONA Veteran Survey

The deadline for the **Arizona Veteran Survey** is extended until **September 30th!** The survey exists to give a voice to all service members, vets, family members & supporters. Everyone is invited to complete a survey. The results will have a **direct impact** on the care, services and support provided to service members, veterans and their families throughout Arizona. Did we mention you can **win prizes?**

Take the survey [here!](#)

Join us at the Arizona Military/Veteran Women's Expo in Yuma! This is our third and final expo of the year after successful events in Phoenix and Kingman.

[Register here by September 28th!](#)

For more information, email azwomenvets@azdvs.gov

Arizona Military/Veteran Women's Expo 2017

A free event to celebrate women who served and are serving in the military

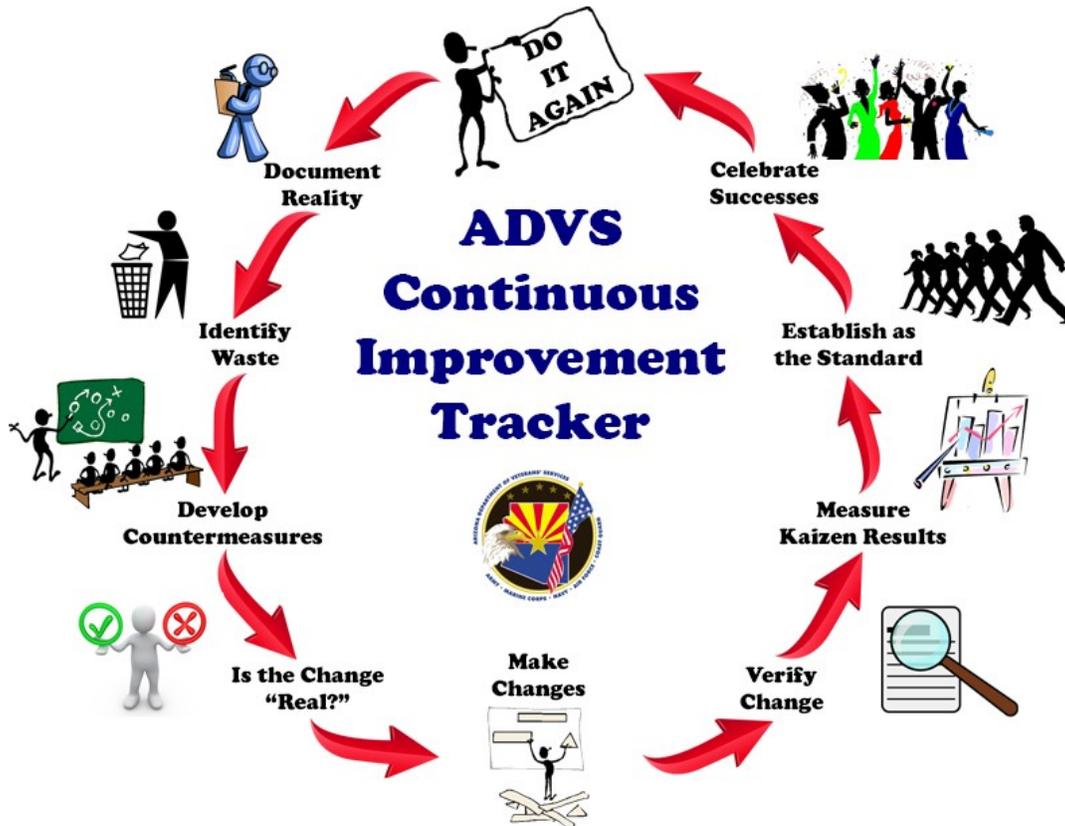
Join us for a day of education and relaxation!
Enjoy pampering, prizes, delicious food, exhibitors and more!

Saturday, September 30th, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Arizona Western College
2020 S. Ave 8 E
Yuma, AZ 85365

Register by Sept 28th at: azdvs.gov/womenvetexpo2017
For more information email: azwomenvets@azdvs.gov

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Congratulations to:

ASVH-Tucson Dietary for utilizing a cart to make an ordering station (July)

FSD A-Team for improving FY 18 logs (July)

ASVH-Tucson Nursing staff for creating a report sheet for CNAs that's placed in the charting room and updated as needed (July)

SAVMC for sustainment of rounds (July)

ASVH-Tucson Dietary/Nursing for making sack lunches for dialysis residents (July)

ASVH-Tucson Tier 2 for reduced waste, nursing basket for finger sticks (August)

ASVH-Tucson Dietary for standardizing and labeling items stored in kitchenettes for easy access and stocking (August)

Human Resources for funding source split (August)

ASVH-Tucson Activities for mail delivered on a timely basis (August)

SMFRFettes for creating a survey tool to send MFRF applicants (August)



Please see our [ADVS Facebook page](#) for more events in daily life in and around our agency.

Here are some helpful links:

